

## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order on Wednesday, January 7, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Pete Bogle in the Council Chambers, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

**Present:** Barbara Perry, Pete Bogle, James Donaldson, Johnny Safrit, Preston Sale, Cindee Bridges, Michael Lippard, and Bill Safrit

**Absent:** Bruce Wilson, Emma Jean Hawley, and Suzette Davis

**Staff:** Lynn Raker, Janice Bodford

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Pete welcomed Bill Safrit back to the commission. City Council has appointed him to fulfill and unexpired term.

Reviewed and approved the financial report for December.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Art in Public Places:** Lynn reported on the Downtown Public Arts Committee meeting. Two subcommittees have been formed out of this group, The History Committee to map out all the potential events for public art; and the committee to develop guidelines for procuring the art, selecting artists, and contracting with artists. Barbara Perry is on the committee to develop the guidelines.

There was nothing new to report on the Angel Project. It was noted that some were displayed in front of St. John's Lutheran church and it looked good there. The church will get 4 of them each year. Bill noted that it was quite a job to install them. DSI will take them down for the church when they take down the other angels. Bill also encouraged other churches to do the same thing. James commented that the same thing happened to his display this year and last year. The stand with information about the artist was taken both years. He did not think anyone else's was taken.

**Neighborhoods & Education Committee:** James reported that they are still in the process of doing things within Jersey City to redevelop the area. Two houses owned by a private developer have been completed on Best Street and are for sale. Another house that was done by Community Development Commission on Best Street has been completed but has not been sold yet. Another house on North Caldwell Street has been completed by CDC and has been sold and the family has moved in. Meetings for Jersey City are continuing and a meeting is being planned

to discuss the rerouting of those trucks and traffic that would come directly through the community because the traffic is tearing up the streets. They may decide to have them come from W Innes St.

Last month James had shared information regarding gangs and gang related graffiti. He informed us that the latest graffiti he has seen is on Hardiman's wall on Lee Street. It is a huge peace sign and it has "Love". What he is hearing from Charlotte stations is that graffiti is on the rise there. A homeowner in an excellent looking neighborhood there reported the words "SUR" and then 13. Police investigated and found that it was gang connected. It was suggested at one of our last meetings that someone from CAC should mention this to the Police Department to be on the lookout for it.

**Landscaping:** No report. Lynn made two nominations, The South Main Business Park and the Salisbury Pharmacy in the old Hardee's building on W Innes Street.

**Municipal Service District and Innes Street Improvement Grants:** Lynn is expecting three more applications any day now. The owner is in California and hopes to get the COA from Historic Preservation tomorrow. The Freedman's Cemetery project is still planning to submit. We need to set up a meeting of the grant committees in a couple of weeks. Lynn will contact the committee members about this.

**Awards Committee:** Barbara reported that they met with Liz Goodman of the Tree Board, Lynn, Joe Morris and Bruce Wilson. The food is worked out, the place is confirmed. Rev. Murray Edwards will give the invocation. James Donaldson provided some artwork for the program. There are a few details to be worked out with the table decorations and the music. The judging will take place tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2:00 PM. They will go to 37 sites. The invitations need to be mailed out as soon as possible. She reminded everyone to be there, Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:30. Most of this is being done "in house" this year in order to save money. The CAC members will be needed on the 12<sup>th</sup> to help with seating, drinks, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Lynn distributed copies of suggested goals for next year. Amounts being requested for grants, trash receptacles and benches and an educational event were discussed. It was decided not to change the request on the grant funds, and to emphasize the trash receptacle and benches and an educational seminar/workshop. \$20,000 is being requested for the initial planning phase for the Downtown History and Art Walk. Once we get through this initial planning phase then other avenues of funding can be pursued, such as The Robertson Foundation. It would be good to have another meeting of neighborhood leaders prior to the Spring and Fall Spruce-up dates. The goals were approved.

Barbara suggested a letter be written to the group who donated the money for the Lincolnton Rd pocket park to inform them that the work had been completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.